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STAFF FEATURES:

Adrian Sanders

Meet Adrian Sanders! She is our new Volunteer Coordinator! Adrian is responsible for overseeing the actions of our volunteers. This includes recruiting volunteers for mailing projects, supervising and accommodating volunteers who come in on a weekly basis, and managing all of the literature we produce for NOBLE. Adrian is also responsible for organizing our annual volunteer appreciation luncheon and award ceremony. Volunteers help make many of the services we provide possible for our patrons and the Volunteer Coordinator coordinates it all.

Where did you grow up?

I am a military brat so I moved around fairly often, but I was lucky enough to spend most of my life in NC. I was born in Pinehurst, NC, where we lived for just a few short years when I was very young and then we moved to Sanford, NC, where I lived until I was in the 2nd grade. After Sanford, we moved to Fort Leavenworth, KS for a year and finally, we moved to Raleigh, NC, where I went to middle school, high school, and attended college. I now live in Knightdale, NC and have lived there for about five years.

What high school/college did you graduate from?

I went to Sanderson High School in Raleigh and then attended Peace College, where I received a BA in Psychology.



Where did you work before you came to NCLBPH? What did you do?

My background has been diverse. Immediately before NCLBPH, I was an Elder Care Consultant with Workplace Options. I served as a certified Aging Life Care Professional, which is also known as a geriatric care manager. I provided guidance, advocacy, assessments, and education to individuals and older adults who were facing ongoing health challenges.

Before serving as an elder care consultant, I worked at Dorothea Dix Hospital in the Community Relations Department. Among other responsibilities, I managed the volunteer program for the hospital, which included bringing in entertainment for the patients at the hospital. I scheduled clowns, bands, storytellers, and the pet therapy program. One of the patients' favorite events each year was when the pet therapy dogs would put on the annual "Doggie Fashion Show". Everyone had a blast and the dogs were adorable!

What encouraged you to apply for the North Carolina Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped?

The Volunteer Services Coordinator position with NCLBPH allows me to combine my previous knowledge of working with individuals who have disabilities as well as my passion for working with volunteers. I am excited for the opportunity to get to know our existing volunteers who have been so supportive of NCLBPH, as well as the opportunity to recruit new volunteers so together, we can best serve the patrons of NCLBPH.

What are some of your personal interest?

I love to travel and experience new places. My favorite places I have visited have been Venice, Italy and San Francisco, CA. My family and I love to visit Disney World. We have been to Disney about 12 times as a family (I've lost count, but I'm sure my children know the exact number) and we hope to go back next year. My free time is often dedicated to my children's interests, which include horse-back riding, swimming, and dancing. They keep us busy!

What do you enjoy reading?

I like to read a variety of different books. I like crime dramas, mysteries, suspense, and occasionally an easy, chick-lit beach read. I love to read and hope to be able to carve out more time to read in the near future.

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- **If you often replace your smartphone, there is a maximum number of devices you can have registered with BARD. Please notify us when you get a new phone so we can delete the old one from your account.**

FRIENDS CORNER

June 29, 2019

Hello to all of our Friends of the Library of the Blind. It is with pleasure that I announce the results of the 2019-2020 election for the Board of the Friends.

Here are our elected officers: Susan King will be our new President. Mary Flanagan will continue to serve as our Treasurer. And the Members at Large are: Donnie Best, Karen Broderick, Max Bumgardner, Angelo Sonnesso, and JoAnn Wood. We welcome each of these members and look forward to working with them by continuing to provide excellent programs and services to our Friends members.

I would like to take this opportunity to say thanks for supporting me over the past four years as your President. As of July 1, I will be moving to the role of Past President. It has been my pleasure serving this organization and being a part of this outstanding group of volunteers. I thank each of you for your membership renewals as well as additional financial gifts and donations.

Speaking of donations, did you know there is a link on our website at www.friendsnclbph.org that provides information on how you can donate to the Friends of the Library for the Blind? There are several ways you can show your support for literacy- either as a one-time

gift, or possibly remembering us in your will. Check it out, and if you have any questions, please let us

know. We would welcome the chance to talk with you further if you have any questions.

As a reminder, come and see us in the vendor exhibits in September at the NC Council of the Blind and the NC National Federation of the Blind state conventions! Also, we will be at the VIP Fishing Tournament in October. We love seeing everyone at these events and having the opportunity to talk about the Friends organization as well as sharing how your memberships and donations support us and the Library for the Blind. So, please stop by and see us!

I hope each of you have a wonderful summer, and please contact us if you have any questions or let us know about any events you would like for us to possibly attend.

Eddie Weaver, President



Friends of the
North Carolina Library for the
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VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT:

Deborah Banks

Deborah is one of our library's volunteer narrators. If you've ever listened to any of our content on NOBLE, then you have probably heard her works. She has volunteered with us for a very long time and she has agreed to an interview about her role at the North Carolina Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped.

What inspired you to volunteer with NCLBPH?

What inspired me to volunteer at the NCLBPH is a desire to give back to the community where I live. I said, "What is it that I do well and would do for free"? I am a great story teller so where can I apply this skill? I checked in with the local libraries and was recommended by a librarian to audition at NCLBPH. I auditioned and now I am grateful to narrate stories, history, or recipes for our patrons.

How long have you been volunteering at NCLBPH?

I've been volunteering at the NCLBPH for over 15 years now. I had to step away for a couple of years but missed it tremendously and came back about 3 ½ years ago.

In the time you've been narrating for NCLBPH which magazine do you most enjoy narrating?

The magazine I most enjoy narrating is the NC Historical Review. The review of NC history is very informative. It updates NC history from current scholars and possibly teaches us something about where they come from. I also enjoy Carolina Country – it has interesting articles,



news, and delicious recipes. In the near future, it is my desire to narrate a humorous or mystery book for our patrons.

What do you enjoy most about volunteering at NCLBPH?

What I enjoy most about volunteering at NCLBPH are the people. The staff here is awesome! The environment is peaceful and accepting. My greatest joy was an occasion when a patron heard me speaking with someone else and says "Deborah is that you? I love hearing your voice – I'm glad you're back". Oh, my heart instantly was full of joy and appreciation.

What does it mean to you to be a major part in producing accessible material for our patrons?

What it means to me is happiness for the patrons, as well as for me. Knowing that a patron, at any given moment of the day or night, may be listening and enjoying the magazines and books the NCLBPH is producing.... It is very rewarding to all the volunteers here.

Do you have a message for our patrons?

My message for the patrons of the NCLBPH is for them to know that everyone who works to provide this service for them, do it with LOVE. We love what we do to produce a quality product for them. And, it is our intention that they love it too!



NOBLE: LISTEN UP NC!

One of the many services we offer our patrons is access to our version of BARD we call NOBLE (North Carolina BARD Local). NOBLE features digital braille books and digital talking books and magazines which are published in North Carolina and produced by our library. While there is no patron application necessary to use NOBLE, all media downloaded from NOBLE can only be played on a digital book player approved by the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped.

You may visit NOBLE to see if there is anything you would like to download by going to: statelibrary.ncdcr.gov/lbph/read/download/noble

KIDS SUMMER READING KICKOFF

The North Carolina Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped visited the Governor Morehead School for the Blind this past June to start our Kids Summer Reading Program. To help kick off our Kids Summer Reading program, Kelley King, the Park Superintendent for Haw River State Park, came to give an educa-

tional presentation about wild life in North Carolina's water habitats.

Kelley King started the program by instructing the students how to emulate rain sounds, by clapping their hands and stomping their feet. She broke the students into groups to create the sounds of a pond teeming with life. The groups were then separated and students then had to use sounds to locate their groups. She answered many of the students' questions concerning myths and facts about snakes and amphibians. The program ended with the students receiving rain sticks which King taught them how to use. The students appeared to have a fun time!

This is not the first time Kelley King has partnered with NCLBPH. She attended our Where the Sidewalk Ends program during the Fall of 2018 in Charlotte. King was featured along with Ray Bloomer, the Director of Education and Technical Assistance at the National Center for Accessibility, and Trevor Thomas, blind professional long-distance hiker.

Gina Powell, NCLBPH Outreach Librarian and organizer of Kids Summer Reading, arranged the Kids Summer Reading Kickoff, because she



feels that our library should offer more than just books to read and have a programs that leaves an impact on our patrons.

Each Summer, the North Carolina Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped hosts the Kids Summer Reading programs; allowing patrons from 21 years old and younger to participate. The program runs from June 1st to August 31st and the registration ends on July 31st each year. People late to register are not necessarily at a disadvantage, because all of the books they have read during the Summer Reading timeframe will be counted to their overall book count. Participants who met the minimum requirement for books read that summer receive a prize. However, our patrons that are in the top 3 of each category and division earn the top prizes, gift cards! If you don't know what to read next, here are some suggestions for you:

statelibrary.ncdcr.gov/lbph/read/summer-reading/suggestions



PATRON PAGE TURNERS

BOOK REVIEWS BY PATRONS FOR PATRONS

Our patrons often send us hand written notes with the books they have return to the library about how much they enjoyed their selected reading material. The notes we receive vary from patron to patron. We enjoy receiving notes; so if you have been sending in notes please do not stop sending them. We want to give all of our patrons an additional avenue to share their thoughts about the books they have read.

Patron Page Turners is an effort for us to build a stronger sense of community between our patrons who are spread out throughout North Carolina, and the library. With Patron Page Turners, our patrons can read books reviews from other NCLBPH patrons and have the ability to share their thoughts and feelings about different books they read and perhaps make recommendations of what books to read next.

In order to send in a Patron Page Turner you may visit the link at the end of the article. At the bottom section of the page, patrons will have the ability to fill out a form asking for your name, title of the book your reviewing, and whether you would like it to be potentially featured in a future Tar Heel Talk. Please be respectful in your reviews; try to avoid spoiling books by revealing major plot points or twists that occur in your review. Patron Page Turners will be reviewed before being published. Check our page or social media pages to see when new reviews are posted.

You may view Patron Page Turners here:

statelibrary.ncdcr.gov/lbph/read/patron-page-turners

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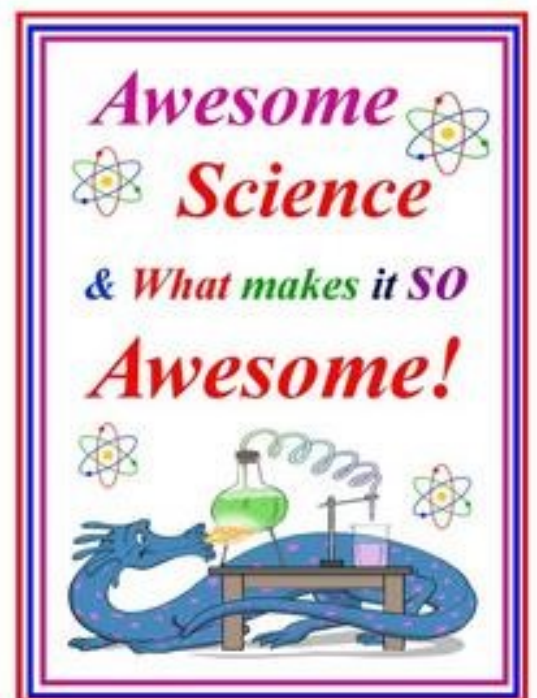
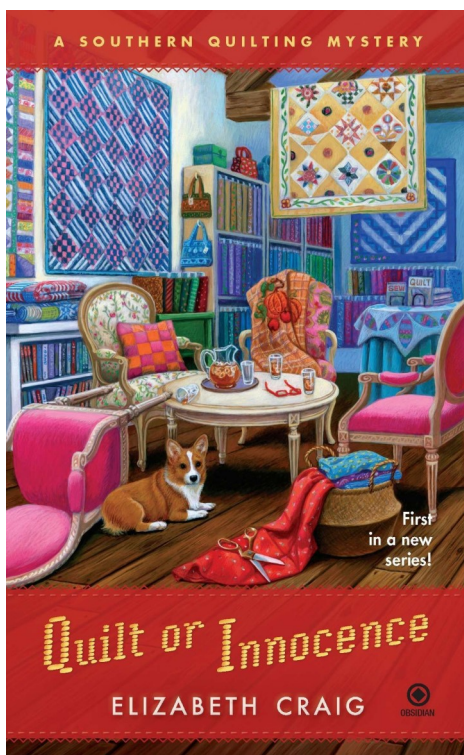
The library has just produced a brand new all audio version of the 2019 Descriptive Video Catalog. The catalog is a collection of all of the DVD's available today from the library. It is available from NOBLE as downloadable digital talking book so you can listen to it on your Digital Talking Book Player and from our Descriptive Video page on the website as a now playable MP3.

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The Collections Communiqué

A New Quarterly Collections Update

- The National Library Services for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (NLS) is currently acquiring or producing nearly 5,000 digital talking books each year. This represents a 250% increase over the number of digital talking books NLS was adding just five years ago!
- The quarterly magazine publication Dialogue is no longer available. The publisher has decided to focus its resources on other priorities and will no longer be producing Dialogue in any format.
- Awesome Science & What Makes Science So Awesome!, a new children's science book including nine chapters on oceanography, biology, anatomy, environmental science, chemistry, physics, forensic science, mathematics and technology is now available for download on NOBLE.
- An updated format for the Described Video Service (DVS) catalog is in the works. This new format groups the DVS titles according to genre, making it easier for patrons to request titles that more closely match their viewing preferences. Stayed tuned for a release date!
- If you have read and enjoyed Quilt or Innocence by Elizabeth Craig, a cozy quilting mystery set in the fictitious town of Dappled Hills, North Carolina, we are getting ready to record the sequel Knot What It Seems.



NCLBPH CAN HELP DECLUTTER YOUR HOME

Are you an avid BARD Mobile user on your iPhone, iPad, or Android device? If you are, then your Digital Talking Book Machine that you received from our library is probably collecting dust on a shelf somewhere. Or, perhaps you're using it as a doorstop or a paperweight since you have no earthly idea what else you could possibly do with it.

Not to worry! We can help you! We have a Digital Talking Book Machine recycling program. We will take your no-longer needed player, recondition it, and send it out to another patron in need.

If you would like to send us back your Digital Talking Book Machine, we will gladly accept it into our recycling and reconditioning program. You can send it back in the box it came in. Please include a note in the box stating that the player is no longer needed.

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